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62% kids between 12-14 years jabbed

▶ Booster dose for 18-plus from tomorrow ▶ Private Hospitals in Mysuru purchase stocks; await Government directive

Mysuru, Apr. 9 (RK&BCT)- Mysuru has achieved 61.89 percent vaccination for children in the 12-14 age group as a precaution against the COVID pandemic. The vaccination for the 12-14 age group began on Mar. 16 and Corbevax vaccine was administered. The gap between the first and second dose is 28 days.

In Mysuru district, 92,907 children aged between 12 and 14 years are eligible for the vaccination. Health workers are visiting schools and are administering the first dose. Those born in 2008, 2009 and 2010 — those who are already above 12 years of age — are eligible.

Vaccine being administered to a child at Rotary School in Kuvempunagar.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, District Health Officer Dr. K.H. Prasad said that the response from the children to vaccination was overwhelming and they are enthusiastically taking the jabs. "We have administered vaccines to 57,498 children of the target of 92,907 (as on Apr. 8) and we will achieve the 100 percent target within a week or so," he said.

There are 1,47,279 beneficiaries in the age group of 15 to 18 and of them, 1,36,412 have been jabbed, achieving a target of 92.62 percent. 1,07,724 children have been given the second dose in the same age group achieving a target of 73.14 percent.

In Mysuru district, 26,59,806 first dose — 99.31 percent — has been administered. The district has achieved 96.71 percent progress in the second dose with a coverage of 25,00,223 beneficiaries. In all, 51,60,029 beneficiaries have received the first and second dose, achieving a target of 98.03 percent.

Of the target population of 1,26,643 adults to receive the booster dose, 73,767 have already been administered vaccines, achieving a target of 58.25 percent. In total, 52,33,796 doses of vaccines have been administered in the district since the launch of the vaccination in January 2021.

Booster dose from tomorrow

The Union Health Ministry yesterday announced that the precautionary or third dose of COVID-19 vaccine would be made available to the 18+ population at private vaccination centres. It would be the same as the previous doses.

(See KIDS on page 7)

Classical Kannada Centre to be shifted to Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion

MP Pratap Simha inspects building, holds meeting

Mysuru, Apr. 9 (RK&DM)- With Kannada and Culture Minister V. Sunil Kumar set to visit Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion in Manasagangothri campus on Apr. 13 as part of the plans to shift the Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada (CESCK) to the Mansion, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha this morning inspected the Mansion and held a preliminary meeting in this regard.

Addressing the meeting, Simha said that a proposal along with the DPR (Detailed Project Report) has been sent to the State Government for shifting CESCK to Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion from its current location at National Centre for History of Science (NCHS) of University of Mysore (UoM), which is housed in the old Tahsildar office building in Manasagangothri campus opposite Premier Studio on Hunsur Road here.

(See JAYALAKSHMI VILAS MANSION on page 7)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 9th April 2022

Diamond expo-cum-sale at SHARADA in Gokulam

Dr. Hemamalini Lakshman, former 'Mrs. India Universe' and Jannavi Murthy are seen inaugurating the 4-day diamond exhibition and sale at SHARADA in Gokulam, on Apr. 8 as Chandrakala and Megha Vijendra look on. The expo, with a wide range of rings, pendants, ear-tops, mangalsutras and eye-catching necklaces, will conclude on Apr. 11. Established in the year 1983, the late Founder Jagadish had strived to bring diamonds to every strata of society and now, SHARADA, Gokulam, has made it possible for every woman to own a piece of this gem through 'Kisna Diamond Jewellery' which comes with IGI Certification.

Prohibitory orders around exam centres tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 9 - With the UPSC scheduled to conduct NDA, NA (11) and CDS (11) exams tomorrow (Apr.10), City Police have clamped prohibitory orders (Section 144 of CrPC) in 200 Mts. radius around all the seven exam centres in city between 6 am and 6 pm.

The seven centres are — Marimallappa PU College, D. Banumaiah PU College, Maharani Government PU College for Girls, Nizamia Government PU College for Girls on Ashoka Road, MMK and SDM College, Krishnamurthypuram, Government PU College, Vontikoppal and Government PU College, Kuvempunagar.

Accordingly, all photocopy shops in the vicinity of the exam centres have been ordered to shut down for the day. Also, barring candidates and exam officials, no unauthorised persons will be allowed entry to the centres, according to a press release from the City Police Commissioner.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Failing to consider the demands of the ASHA workers who protest year after year, and the recommendations of experts advocating for better pay, will prove costly when it comes to implementation of health schemes on ground. The largest payment for ASHA workers comes from the Janani Suraksha Yojana that helps increase institutional deliveries and bring down maternal mortality.

Government guidelines created in 2005 don't consider ASHA workers as employees and hence they only receive incentive-based pay. National Health Mission (NHM) originally stated that their work is tailored to not interfere with their normal livelihood. These guidelines no longer hold water as in reality, they work a lot more than the stipulated 2-3 hours a day, at times even more than regular health staff.

It is high time the system is revised as ASHAs remain the bridge between the public health system and the local community. As was evident from the pandemic, it is these women coming from financially and socially backward classes who can reach the last mile and vastly improve the quality of grassroots health services.

— Ranjani Madhavan in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

WWII grenade found among potatoes

Auckland: Workers at a French fries factory in New Zealand discovered that an object that initially appeared to be a muddy potato on the conveyor belt turned out to be an inert training grenade dating back to World War II.

Night shift employees at the Mr. Chips factory in East Tamaki, an Auckland suburb, said 28 tons of russet potatoes were delivered to the facility from a farm in Matamata.

Richard Teurukura was monitoring the conveyor belt at the "potato reception area" of the factory when he investigated what he thought could be a muddy potato or an oddly shaped stone. He cleaned some of the mud from the object and showed it to a coworker, who said it appeared to be a grenade.

Police were called to the factory and the bomb squad said that it was a Mills bomb, a hand grenade common during the World War II era. The grenade was X-rayed and found to be a non-explosive grenade, likely used for training purposes.

Huge lemon that dwarves baby's head

England: A bakery owner has gone on a citrus cooking spree after discovering a nine-inch lemon that weighs almost 1.8kg.

Tammy Warren spotted the yellow whopper – the biggest she has 'ever seen' – in Wiltshire last week and believes the fruit, which dwarves her baby's head, is roughly 17 times the size of a standard lemon.

The mum-of-three, who bought the fruit for 5 pounds said 'It's the biggest lemon I've ever seen in my life, I thought it would make a great cake."

Having done a double-take after spotting the fruit, she then went on a two-and-a-half hour baking blueberry cake, lemon cupcakes, lemon cake pops and a lemon drizzle loaf.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Physiotherapy offers a range of physical therapies to help women tackle pain and make pregnancy more comfortable

By Aruna Malar Selvi - Department of Physiotherapy
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

HC stays Govt. order making Kannada compulsory language for UG courses

Bengaluru, Apr.9- In what can be termed as a setback to the Karnataka Government, the High Court (HC) on Wednesday stayed implementation of the State Government's two communications issued in August-September last year, making Kannada a compulsory language for Under-Graduate (UG) courses from the 2021-22 academic year, while citing the National Education Policy-2020 (NEP-2020).

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi and Justice S.R. Krishna Kumar, which heard the petitions filed by Samskrita Bharati (Karnataka)Trust and others, passed the interim order, taking note of the clarification given by the Union Government that 'there is no mention of any compulsory language in the NEP-2020.'

"In view of the stand taken by the Union Government that Kannada language cannot be made as a compulsory subject in higher studies for the purpose of implementation of NEP-2020, we *prima facie* find that the impugned Government orders of Aug.7, 2021 and Sept.15, 2021,cannot be implemented or put to operation till further orders," the Bench said while staying both the Government orders.

The Court, in its earlier interim order on Dec.12, 2021, had directed the State Government not to insist on making Kannada as a compulsory language.

The petitioners had contended that the very act of making a language as compulsory was contrary to the objective of NEP-2020, which purports to offer a choice-based system to promote inclusivity and access to education.

REALLY...?

- ***Hirakud, the longest man-made dam in the world is situated merely 15 kilometres away from Sambalpur. This massive structure, which was inaugurated in 1957, stretches to 26 kilometres in length. It is a composite structure of earth, concrete and stonework that stretches across the river Mahanadi. It also boasts of being the biggest artificial lake in Asia.***
- ***Pigeon mail system: Odisha Police pigeon service started on an experimental basis in 1946 to deliver messages to remote areas of the State. This form of communication was used until very recently, as much as 2008.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

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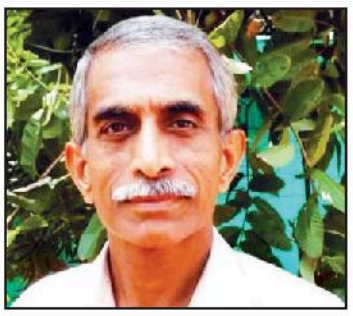
VOICE OF THE READER

A tribute to Dr. B.N. Maruthi



Dr. B.N. Maruthi

Sir,

Normally we say that the world is full of selfish, corrupt and bad people. But there are selfless, society-oriented and good people also amidst us. One such is Dr. B.N. Maruthi, who left this world on 30.3.2022. He was only 57 years and was a role model for all of us.

He did his M.Sc., Chemistry in Central College, Bangalore and served as Lecturer for sometime. Then he was selected as Quality Control Manager at AT&S Company, Nanjangud, where he served for about 20 years. He took voluntary retirement and was Director of Mysore Organic Limited. **An Agricultural Scientist, he improved the species of Nanjangud Rasabale in his Laboratory and supplied the plants to farmers.**

He was an Hon. Director of Arivu School — for children up to 7th std. — and the theme of the institution is "Learning through activity" where the children are given full freedom to keep the school clean, grow plants and to involve themselves in different sports and cultural activities.

Dr. Maruthi was a Founder-Trustee and President of Sri Pathanjali Yoga Foundation, which teaches yoga free of cost to all sections of society. He was also the President of Yoga Federation, Mysore. A yoga expert, he had taught yoga to thousands of students.

I was a Trustee of Pathanjali Yoga Foundation for the past 16 years and had an opportunity to work with him. Even when he was ill, he was very calm and used to console us instead of we consoling him. Such a noble man is no more with us. The best way to show our respects to him is to follow his footprints in our life.

Maruthi Anna, physically you are not with us, but you are very much in our hearts.

—Dr. H.R. Manikarnika,
Senior Eye Specialist
Mysuru 8.4.2022

Condolence meeting tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 9- Sri Pathanjali Yoga Shikshana Samithi, Pathanjali Yoga Foundation and Sri Pathanjali Yoga Studies and Research Centre, Mysuru, will hold a 'Nudi Namana' at Sri Vidyaranya Convention Hall in Vidyaranyapuram here tomorrow (Apr. 10) at 10.30 am to pay tributes to Dr. B.N. Maruthi, who passed away recently. Dr. Maruthi, who was associated with Pathanjali Yoga Foundation, had played a key role in the success of International Yoga Day event in Mysuru. Yoga lovers are appealed to attend the condolence meeting. For details, call Mob: 94488-72176, according to a press release.

Obituary

Dr. Kokkalera S. Kushalappa

Mysuru, Apr. 9- Dr. Kokkalera Subbaiah Kushalappa (Sunny), aged 88 and a resident of # 5597, 14th Main, 5th Cross, Vijayanagar 1st Stage (behind Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple), passed away here today at 8 am.

He leaves behind his wife Latha (Palanganda), two daughters, sons-in-law and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam this afternoon, according to family sources.

Kumar

Kumar (50), a resident of Yeraganahalli in the city, passed away here on Thursday.

He leaves behind his wife Lakshmi, sons Kiran and Varun and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at his native village Suttur in Nanjangud taluk.

Deveeramma

Deveeramma (85), a retired employee of K.R. Hospital and wife of late Ningaiah, passed away here on Thursday.

A resident of Mahadeshwara Layout, she leaves behind one son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Gokulam crematorium on Friday afternoon, according to family sources.

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Migraine is a medical condition characterized by pain felt on one, and sometimes both sides of the head. The pain is mostly in the front, around the temples, or behind one eye or ear. Besides having pain, people with migraine may have nausea and vomiting, and be very sensitive to light and sound. It is the second most common headache syndrome (next to Tension headache). Nearly half of all the estimated migraine sufferers are either undiagnosed or untreated. Although both men and women can get these headaches, about three out of every four people who have them are women. Most often, they affect people between the ages of 15 and 55. They often improve as the person ages. However, at this time, there is no cure. There are several types of migraines. The two most common types are migraine with aura (classic) and migraine without aura (common). During a migraine with aura, a person has zig-zag coloured lines or flashes of light (which is called an "aura") 10 minutes to 30 minutes before an attack. During a migraine without aura, a person does not have an aura but does have the other symptoms. There are other less-common types also.

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NEWS BRIEFS

World Health Day Seminar

Sarada Vilas College of Pharmacy, Mysuru, has organised a seminar as part of World Health Day at Prof. Chinnaswamy Setty Conference Hall in the College premises on Apr. 11 at 11 am. Dr. B.M. Subraya, President, Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions, Mysuru, will inaugurate the seminar. Dr. K.S. Sadananda, Medical Superintendent, Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, Mysuru, will be the chief guest. N. Chandrashekar, Secretary, Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions, will be the guest of honour. Dr. Hanumanthachar Joshi, Principal, Sarada Vilas College of Pharmacy, will preside.

Data collection: Calling artistes

The Department of Kannada and Culture has started an initiative to collect data of artistes and has invited applications from the artistes, artiste troupes and public to perform cultural programmes in various Rangamandiras including Ravindra Kalakshetra, Nayana, Samsa Bayalu Rangamandira, Ravindra Kalakshetra Art Gallery, Kalagrama Samskruthika Samuchaya and Kalagrama Bayalu Rangamandira. For details about the application, visit website www.rangamandira.karnataka.gov.in. For data entry, visit https://sevasindhu.karnataka.gov.in/Sevasindhu/English and register the details, according to a press release from Kannada and Culture Department Assistant Director.

Mysuru industries seek Property Tax reduction

Hootagalli CMC, Mysuru's core industrial zone, levies highest tax in Karnataka

Mysuru, Apr. 9 (BCT)- The Mysore Industries Association (MIA), representing Micro, Small, Medium Enterprises (MSME) and Large Scale Industries of Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar districts, has urged the State Government to reduce Property Tax on industrial sites, a move that will go a long way in sustaining the industries which are already facing a tough time after the COVID pandemic.

In a memorandum submitted to Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham, MIA President and former MLA Vasu and MSME Secretary Suresh Kumar Jain said that the Property Tax reduction will truly reflect the 'ease of business' policy claimed by the Government and it will improve the investment climate in Karnataka.

In the memorandum, the stakeholders have noted that Hootagalli Gram Panchayat has been upgraded as a City Municipal Council (CMC) last year to include many industrial areas of Mysuru such as Koorgalli, Hootagalli village, Hebbal Industrial Area, Belavadi and Hinkal. These are the areas where most of the MSMEs and large industries are located in Mysuru belt.

Hootagalli CMC levies highest tax

But the Hootagalli CMC, comprising the core industrial areas of Mysuru, has announced a Property Tax rate for industries that is the highest in Karnataka. "This is a retrograde step and the current tax slab goes against the Government policy of bringing a separate and a lower Property Tax slab for industries below the commercial slab," the memorandum stated.

MIA President Vasu and MSME Secretary Suresh Kumar Jain submitting a memorandum to Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham.

The Karnataka Cabinet had decided to amend Municipal laws to create a separate slab of Property Tax for industries and industrial areas. Taxing industries separately was a demand from various industry bodies as they argued that the Property Tax currently being levied at commercial rates is very high.

As per the Government policy, there must be a separate Property Tax slab for industries and industrial areas developed by the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) and the Karnataka State Small Industries Development Corporation (KSSIDC) coming under Municipal limits.

High tax slabs for industries

Even the Chief Minister had proposed a separate Property Tax slab for industries in the 2021-22 Budget to encourage more industries. But the tax rates levied by Hootagalli CMC will surely discourage industries and many of them will close. Already due to the COVID pandemic and increased raw material costs, 30 percent of the MSMEs have shut shop.

"Industries are unfairly targeted with the highest Property Tax slabs. A tax rate of Rs. 2 per sq.ft is paid by large industries; medium scale units pay Rs. 1.50 per sq.ft and small scale units pay Re. 1 per sq.ft. In comparison, the tax rate for commercial properties is 80 paise per sq.ft and residential properties pay 50 paise per sq.ft," the memorandum stated. In addition, Rs. 4,000 per acre has to be paid to KIADB as maintenance charge in addition to a fee for building plan approval from KIADB and the local municipality.

Industrial Township Authority

The stakeholders said that though the Hootagalli CMC was quick to collect maximum taxes, the industrial areas are not maintained well. This is because the industrial estates developed by the KIADB and KSSIDC have not been handed over to the Hootagalli CMC. The State Government had earlier proposed an Industrial Township Authority with a single-window system for taxation, but it is yet to be implemented, the memorandum stated.

If Industrial Township Authority is implemented, 30 percent of the Property Tax collected from the industrial areas goes to the local Municipalities and 70 percent would be utilised to maintain the industrial areas.

The stakeholders have demanded that till the Industrial Township Authority is constituted, 70 percent of the taxes collected must be spent on the development of industrial areas at Hootagalli and Nanjangud CMC.

1,000-bed hostels to come up in every city

Scheme to be named after Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya: Minister

Mysuru, Apr. 9 (MTY&BCT)- Social Welfare and Backward Classes Welfare Minister Kota Srinivas Poojary said that the State Government has planned to set up a 1,000-bed hostel complex for students in every city across the State in the name of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya to promote education.

Kota Srinivas Poojary

"Many students from backward communities are discontinuing education for want of facilities like food and accommodation in cities. The mega 1000-bed hostels at each district will ease the problem," the Minister said.

He was speaking after inaugurating the newly constructed D. Devaraj Urs Post-Matric Students Hostel Complex for Boys at Gangothri Layout, Manasagangothri premises and at Vasanthanagar in the city yesterday. The five hostels have been built at a cost of Rs. 17.19 crore by the Social Welfare and Backward Classes Welfare Department, District Administration and Zilla Panchayat.

"There are over 1.2 lakh students who are seeking hostel facilities in city areas and we are committed to their education and welfare. The Social Welfare and Backward Classes Welfare Department will take up all measures to ensure hostel facilities for school and college-going students from all communities, including those from deprived OBCs," he said.

The Government does not want students to discontinue their education just because hostels are not available. The Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Hostel Complexes have been planned as many Government hostels at various districts are running from rented premises.

Speaking on the occasion, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha urged the Minister to sanction more hostels to Mysuru so that all applicants can get the facilities.

Advising hostel wardens and the in-charge officers to maintain the hostels well, MLA G.T. Devegowda, who presided, said that the Government's responsibility ends after constructing buildings.

"Next, the wardens must take over the responsibility of running the hostel well. Cleanliness must be maintained at all costs and action must be taken on those who provide substandard food to the students," he said.

Hostels are not only a place for having food and accommodation but they must be converted into a place where an ecosystem of learning is maintained. The rich and the affluent can afford posh hostels but the poor and middle-class students depend on Government hostels and their future also depends on the hostel environment, the MLA said.

Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekhar, MLA L. Nagendra, Incharge Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Jungle Lodges and Resorts Chairman M. Appanna, Mysuru Paints and Varnishes Limited Chairman N.V. Phaneesh, CADA Chairman N. Shivalingaiah, Zoo Authority of Karnataka Chairman L.R. Mahadevaswamy, Karnataka Exhibition Authority Chairman Hemanthkumar Gowda, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham, ZP CEO B.R. Poornima, Backward Classes Welfare Department District Officer H.S. Bindya, Joint Director of Social Welfare Department B. Malathi and others were present on the occasion.

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Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,266.82	feet
Inflow	:	468	cusecs
Outflow	:	2,242	cusecs

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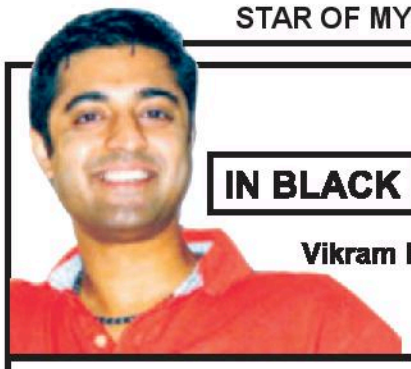


IN BLACK & WHITE

Vikram Muthanna

Sound of Loudspeakers

Ah! It's back again. The 'Azaan' decibel problem, for sure, is an election gimmick, but noise pollution from religion, all religions, must be curtailed.

Now the Police have issued notices to Mosques to use their loudspeakers within the permissible decibel levels. It is a noise pollution issue. Just as playing blaring music from Lord Ganesha Pandals for ten days, bursting crackers on Diwali past the deadline is also noise pollution. And this has to be stopped.

If the Police can stop young boys and seize their bikes because they have noisy silencers as they did in Mysuru a few days back, why can't they seize loudspeakers from religious centres which disturb the public at ungodly hours?

The Muslim call to prayer becomes an issue now and then and then dies down. Why? Because all religions use loudspeakers, all faiths are noisy. The only difference is, some religions disturb us every day, others on certain days, but they all are noisy and have complete disregard for the rights of others to live a reasonably quiet life.

All religions love their loudspeakers, and they will come together to keep them. Now while the Right-wing groups want loudspeakers in Mosques to be monitored, maybe, they should be reminded of what happened in 2017.

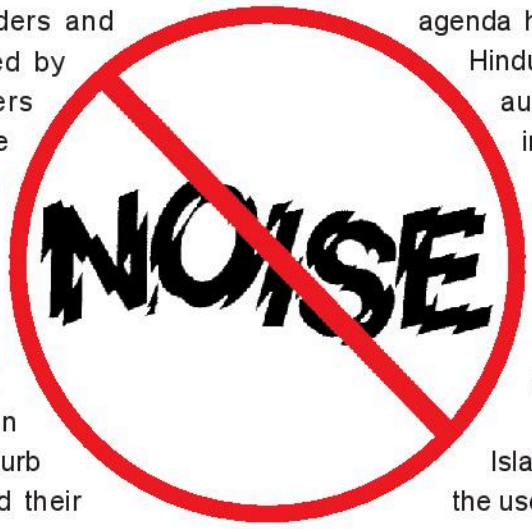
Many may recall in 2017, Sonu Nigam, the playback singer, wrote that 'Azaan', the call to prayer for Muslims early in the morning, was disturbing him. And lo and behold, all kinds of noise pollution erupted, from self-proclaimed God's middlemen, the priests, to opportunistic publicity-seekers.

While Sonu Nigam may not have lost his voice, he sure lost his cool and with that lost his hair too…and all because some head priest of a little known Mosque announced a Rs. 10 lakh 'supari' for his hair… and thank God for it because Sonu Nigam really needed a haircut back then.

Now, everyone rightly got upset with this 'hair supari' priest but no one spoke about how this priest was not alone in calling for a "hit on Sonu's hair." Four priests from four other faiths accompanied him… Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism and Christianity! And today, suddenly, the Right-wing groups have a problem?!

These so-called representatives of their respective faiths were at the same press conference on stage when the ransom for Sonu Nigam's hair was announced! Wah! All religious heads become a united force when religion is threatened, like coalition politicians. Where is this camaraderie among priests of different faiths when people have to be brought together?

Yes, our religious leaders and politicians are threatened by the ban on loudspeakers because loudspeakers are a communal currency to be used when mischief is to be made. And mischief is being made now with elections in mind.



It's time people of all faiths realise that certain practices in their faith disturb the larger population and their fellow men, women, infants, elders and students.

It makes one wonder, what is it with religion and noise? Almost all religions have some form of noise in rituals or expressions of devotion. There are bells, chest-beating, the beating of gongs, shrill readings of holy books, screaming of God's name aggressively, playing loud, jarring holy music, blocking traffic for a holy parade etc. And all this at odd hours of the day with complete disregard to the disturbance it causes to fellow citizens. But when kids have a party with loud music, the Police descend on the venue to shut them down!

Why is religion exempt from respecting other people's right to live in peace? The law says your right ends where the other person's nose begins…but religion has no end; it can go beyond your nose and into your ears and turn you deaf. It even goes further into your stomach, telling you what to eat and then further down to your loins and tells you what to do with your genitalia! Yet we tolerate this bullying in the name of God. Why?

Why does religion need audio amplifiers? Religion is supposed to be about self-discovery and introspection, which can usually be achieved in silence. It makes us wonder if any God cares how loud we play songs in their praise. We are probably giving God a headache along with the rest of the population.

If we love God, we don't need to be reminded loudly to pray to him or play jarring devotional songs in praise of him. Also, in today's day and age of technology, where there are apps for everything from 'Azaan' to 'Rahu Kalas', why do we need speakers at religious centres at all? Loudspeakers will not help you attain Moksha, Jannat, nor beam one up to Heaven.

All Indians have tolerated religious noise pollution for a long time because each of us have indulged in it at some point. All religions produce noise. I have yet to see a religion that will produce just as much light.

More importantly, today, the loud call for 'Azaan' is seen as a way of asserting the Muslim community's presence, and this convoluted agenda has, in turn, triggered the Hindu community to assert their audible presence by playing loud devotional music. Because of this exercise in assertion of religion in public space, the regular, non-religion obsessed citizen has to suffer. Why should we?

Even Saudi Arabia, an Islamic nation, has stated that the use of external loudspeakers during prayers could affect vulnerable groups, including the elderly and children. In fact, the national Ministry of Islamic Affairs issued a notification banning the use of "outer" loudspeakers in mosques across the country!

Our Supreme Court ruled that no religion prescribes this practice. In a landmark judgement, the Court held that no religion prescribes or preaches that prayers are required to be performed through voice amplifiers or by disturbing peace and tranquillity. Yet our Governments use this judgement to "selectively" implement it.

In fact, in the case of Sayeed Maqsood Ali Vs The State of M.P., the Apex Court held that even a single individual could maintain a writ petition against noise pollution. So there are laws to protect us from noise pollution, but no Government wants to implement them.

Today, there is noise harassment; it is no more just pollution. From morning walkers to religious events, we are surrounded by inconsiderate noisy people.

We humans seem to be addicted to noise; our day begins with noise and ends with it. We wake up to the noise of an alarm and go to sleep to the sound of angry television anchors. We need sound when we eat, when we go up in an elevator, when we use the urinal in a hotel, when we shop, travel, and exercise and even when we study. There is sound all the time. Do we really love sound so much, or do we fear silence?

Do we in modern times suffer from sedatephobia, the fear of silence, because silence forces one to introspect, which can be unsettling. Maybe more than religion, we need silence because when you are silent, you listen… you listen to your conscience. And conscience is what makes us human…it's what makes us humane.

Now, this 'Azaan' issue, its timing is questionable, but the outcome could be beneficial to all who have suffered religious sounds for way too long from temple devotional songs to 'Azaan'. Let's hope this time the law is implemented loud and clear to all and doesn't fall silent after the elections.

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Classical Kannada Centre to be shifted to Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion

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Pointing out that the over century old Mansion, a heritage structure built by the erstwhile Mysore Maharajas over a century ago has turned dilapidated with the passage of time, MP Pratap Simha said that during his recent meeting with Union Minister for Education Dharmendra Pradhan, in which Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai was also present, he had sought Rs. 25 crore funds for repairs and restoration of the old structure, the DPR for which was prepared by a consultancy firm. But Pradhan then clarified that the Union Education Ministry can sanction funds only for CESCK activities and not for building and such other purposes and told him to seek funds from the State Government for restoration. Subsequently, he met Bommai a few days ago and sought funds, when he replied in the affirmative, Simha said.

"I also raised the issue of CESCK funds when Bommai was in the city a couple of days ago for Shaktidhama function. The CM said he was mindful of the matter and would take measures for releasing funds soon," the MP said.

MLA L. Nagendra, Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) Director Dr. Shailendra Mohan, UoM Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa, Sharath Chandra of Deccan Heritage which prepared the DPR, Special Officer to the UoM Vice-Chancellor Dr. H.K. Chetan, Kannada and Culture Department staff Puttappa and others were present.

CESCK was cleared by the Union Government in 2011, three years after Kannada was accorded the 'Classical Language' status in 2008. CESCK functioned from CIIL on Hunsur Road for 9 years, before it moved to NCHS of UoM in November 2020, where currently only a few staff are working and little activities are going on for making the Centre a fully operational one.

62% kids between 12-14 years jabbed

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The administration of this dose would begin on April 10 (tomorrow). All those who have completed nine months after the administration of the second dose would be eligible, it stated. Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya termed the extension of the vaccination drive an "extra layer of safety".

Mysuru DHO Dr. Prasad said that many private hospitals have adopted a wait-and-watch policy for the booster vaccination from tomorrow. "We have not got any directive from the Centre regarding the booster vaccination process. Some private hospitals have already stocked up the vials and are just waiting for the Government directive," he clarified.

HOW MUCH BOOSTER DOSE WILL COST

Agency reports today said that the Serum Institute of India has announced that end-users will have to pay Rs. 600 for a Covishield booster dose and the hospitals will get it at a discounted price. Plus there will be vaccine administration charges that might differ from hospital to hospital.

The Centre had capped the administration charges for private vaccination centres at Rs. 150 per dose in June last year. The Government instructed private vaccination centres not to charge more than Rs. 780 for Covishield, Rs. 1,410 for Covaxin and Rs. 1,145 for Sputnik V including taxes and administration charges.

Excluding GST, Covaxin costs Rs. 1,200 per dose and Sputnik V is priced at Rs. 948 per dose. Biological E has said it would price Corbevax at Rs. 800 per dose (excluding taxes). Covovax (Novavax vaccine) is priced at Rs. 900 (excluding taxes) in the private market.

NITI Aayog Sub-advisor holds progress review meeting on tribal children education

Mysuru, Apr. 9 (MTY&DM)- Government of India NITI Aayog Sub-Advisor Muniraju held a progress review meeting on education of tribal children, at Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Bhavan on Valmiki Road in Paduvarahalli here yesterday.

Muniraju sought inputs on the quantum of success achieved in the implementation of all Central Welfare Schemes for tribals and education of tribal children living in hamlets. Muniraju directed the officials to take more measures for betterment of lives of the tribal population and also to ensure that tribal children are not deprived of education for any reason. He also instructed for effective implementation of revised Tribal Welfare Schemes.

Karnataka State Tribal Research Institute (KSTRI) Director Rajesh Gowda, Research Officer Shivakumar, PCO Prabha Urs, Valmiki Development Corporation District Manager M.K. Mallesh, Taluk Welfare Officers Basavaraju, Siddegowda, Narayanaswamy and others were present.

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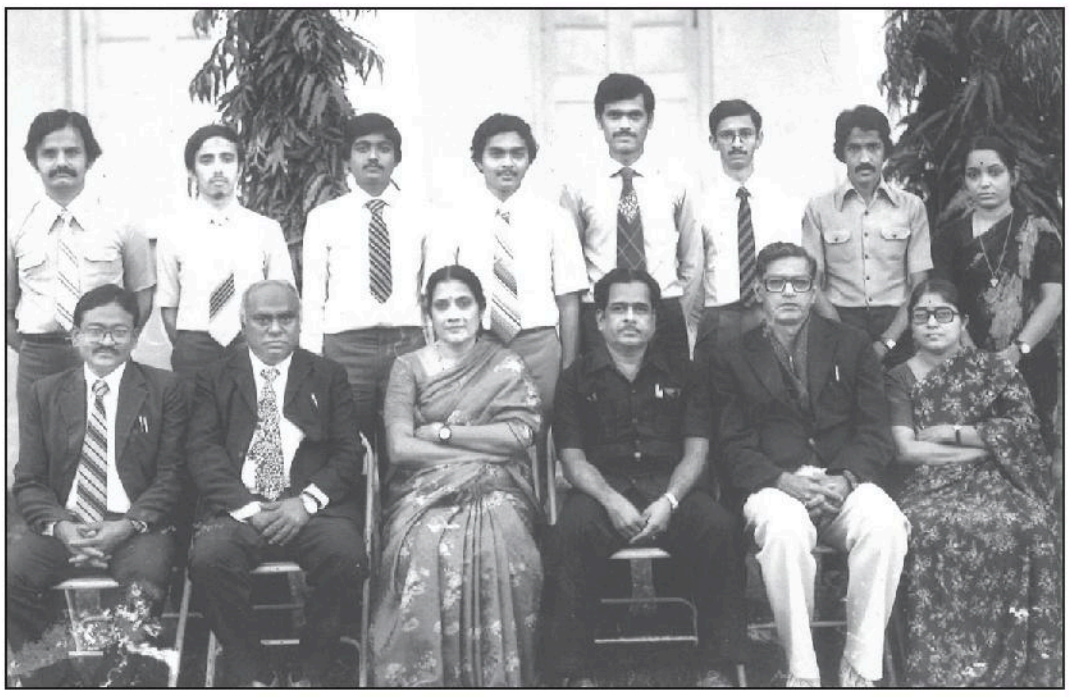

Mysore Medical College (MMC) Committee photo of December 1983. *Standing extreme left:* ***Dr. Krishne Gowda - current Vice-President of MAA (Mysore Medical College Alumni Association);*** *extreme right:* ***Dr. Veena Bharathi - Lady Representative, MMC 1982-83;*** *Sitting third from left:* ***Dr. Kantha Jadhav - Patron, MAA, former Vice-Chancellor, RGUHS and Retd. HoD of Anatomy, MMC; to the right of Dr. Kantha is Dr. (Prof.) Anke Gowda;*** *Standing fifth from left:* ***Dr. M.K. Ramesh (my batchmate, alumnus of MMC), current VC of RGUHS, Bengaluru.***

Mysore Medical College Alumni Association (MAA) is celebrating a day-long MAA Utsav-2022 at Platinum Jubilee Hall in J.K. Grounds today. Here we publish a brief write-up by one of its alumni Dr. Veena Bharathi. Read on...

The 1983 December College Committee photo evoked a string of nostalgia in me. I just could not help smiling myself when I remembered Dr. (Prof.) Anke Gowda (who was the HoD of Paediatrics and Superintendent of Cheluvamba Hospital at that time), who during the ward rounds had proudly narrated to us, "Just look at my son Shekar (who was doing PG in General Medicine at K.R. Hospital), Clive Lyod of our Institution ! When he had measles attack at the age of two years, many doctors cautioned me about 'pathya' or dieting for him. On the 10th day after the measles attack, I told my wife to give my son diluted chicken-soup, defying my colleagues' advice! Look at him now, how healthy he has grown !"

When we became 'Interns' (Junior Doctors), my batchmate Shashikala and myself were posted in medicine 'B' Unit. As I examined a patient, auscultating his chest with my stethoscope, "Shashi, this is a classical case of Mitral-Stenosis, you too can hear the narrowed valve sound!," I triumphantly told my friend.

After auscultating the patient's left side of the chest, Shashikala had told me, "You have made a wrong diagnosis, this is surely a case of 'aortic regurgitation'!"

The patient, who was patiently listening to our conversation suddenly got up and told us "Akkavra... naanu patient alla ! (I am not the patient). My brother, who has been diagnosed with a heart problem, has gone out with the ward boy, to have an ECG!"

Thus, we got enlightened that, whatever first class percentage of marks we might have obtained in theory, in medical profession, it is the practical clinical experiences that provide us knowledge and sculpt us to become true clinicians !

Hence, while saluting the 'MAA' (Mysore Medical College Alumni Association), here is my tribute to her:

"I salute you
My Alma Mater,
You still matter me the most,
For you have laid down
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To keep my grey matter
Alive even today!"

— Dr. Veena Bharathi, Bengaluru
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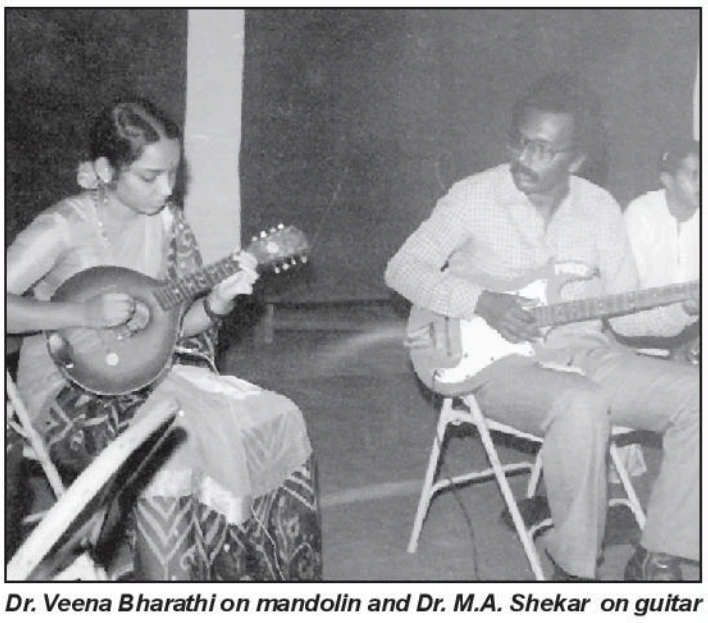

Dr. Veena Bharathi on mandolin and Dr. M.A. Shekar on guitar during 1982 MMC College Day function.

Manipal Hospital conducts Mega Blood Donation Camp

Mysuru, Apr. 9- On the occasion of World Health Day, Manipal Hospital, Mysore, had organised a Mega Blood Donation Campaign in association with Jeevadhara Blood Bank at five locations — Manipal Hospital Mysore, Forum Centre City Mall, MIT College, Manipal City Clinic above Excel Diagnostic Centre, Saraswathipuram and Karnataka State Pollution Control Board.

The aim of the campaign was to encourage people on the concept of blood donation and to cater to the need of blood requirement in Mysuru.

Blood is very essential and frequently required for various procedures and instances in the hospital. It plays a vital role in case of severe loss of blood during accidents, injury, blood disorders like cancer, fewer blood cells, organ transplantation and surgeries. Every month the hospital requires 100s of units of packed red blood cells, fresh frozen plasma and platelets.

As blood can only be donated and not manufactured, bridging the gap between donor and recipient was of utmost importance. The hospital diligently handled it by organising a blood donation camp.

The camp went on smoothly as the doctors and paramedic team were ensuring the safety of the people and guided them through the process.

Centre Head of Forum City Centre Mall Dhanasekaran Ramachandran said, "Blood donation is the noble act of saving numerous unknown lives" and called upon more people to participate.

Creating an awareness on the health benefits of donating blood, Dr. Gautam Das, Hospital Director, Manipal Hospital, said "The blood donated is regenerated in the body within 4-8 weeks, and it not only saves lives but also improves the health of the donor. Many people voluntarily came forward and donated blood."

"Around 251 people donated blood at the camp. Fruits and juice were provided to replenish the lost fluid from the body and avoid dizziness," said Girish, Managing Director of Jeevadhara Blood Bank.

In addition to the blood donation camp, the hospital is offering a special discount on all comprehensive health check packages till Apr. 30.

To book an appointment, call Mob:96200-30123.

Yogotsava at Palace premises tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 9 (SSM) - Government Ayurveda Medical College, Government Nature Cure and Yoga College Mysore (GNCYC Mysore), Sri Veda Vyasa Yoga Foundation, Yoga Federation of Mysore and JSS Mahavidyapeetha (JSSMVP), under the Ministry of AYUSH and AYUSH Department have jointly organised Yogotsava at Mysore Palace premises tomorrow (Apr. 10) from 6 am to 7.30 am.

In-charge Mayor Sunanda Palanetra will be the chief guest. Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham, Deputy Mayor Anwar Baig, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, MLAs S.A. Ramdas, G.T. Devegowda, Tanveer Sait and L. Nagendra, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Corporator B.V. Manjunath and Zilla Panchayat CEO B.R. Poornima will be present.

As part of National Yoga Day celebration, Dr. Ganesh Kumar will perform Suryanamaskara and Yogasana while Dr. B.P. Chandra Acharya will perform Nouli Kriye Yoga. Dr. Chandrashekar will speak on the topic 'Yogis contribution in Indian Independence'; Dr. Raghavendra Pai will speak on 'Yoga Bharata Darshana'; Dr. Ganesh Kumar on 'Ashtanga Yoga and Baladya Bharatha'; Dr. B.P. Murthy on 'Yoga Shakti Desha Bhakti' and Dr. Devaki Madhava on 'Yoga Vishwa Prana'.

There will be a session on 'Yoga' chaired by Lakshminarayana Shenoy at 10.30 am tomorrow at Gopalaswamy Shishu Vihara in Lakshmipuram, according to a press release from District AYUSH Officer.

Siddu-GTD put up a friendly front

The duo inaugurates slew of development programmes at Lingambudhipalya

Mysuru, Apr. 9 (SBD&BCT)- The bonhomie between former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah and JD(S) leader G.T. Devegowda (GTD) — who has made his plans public to quit JD(S) and join Congress — was evident during the inauguration of different development programmes at Lingambudhipalya last evening.

Siddharamaiah, who has made it clear that he will contest the 2023 State polls from the Chamundeshwari seat which he claims 'gave him a rebirth in politics', has assured all help for Chamundeshwari constituency, now represented by GTD.

With all bitterness forgotten, at least in public, the duo put up a friendly front, again proving that politics makes strange bedfellows.

A slew of development works were inaugurated at Mysore University Employees Layout at Lingambudhipalya where Siddharamaiah said that he was ready to call officers and other authorities for the development of Chamundeshwari. He said that he would call for meetings of officers in his capacity as Leader of Opposition and former CM.

Recalling his defeat in Chamundeshwari Constituency in the last Assembly elections at the hands of GTD, Siddharamaiah said that as the people had decided to defeat him, he lost the elections.

"I did maximum work for Mysuru but still people defeated me and after I went to Varuna, I did not come to Chamundeshwari Constituency for 10 years and people too taught me a lesson. Victories and defeats are common in elections and I humbly accept the people's verdict," he said.

GTD also spoke on the occasion and complimented the former CM for forgetting political differences and for joining hands for the overall development of Chamundeshwari segment.

He said that very soon, water from Kabini will flow to Lingambudhipalya and Mysore University Employees Layout.

The bus stand at Mysore University Employees Layout, high-mast lamp, renovated circle, welcome arch and asphalted road were inaugurated by Siddharamaiah while GTD inaugurated 'Siddharamaiah Circle'.

The circle has been named as 'Siddharamaiah Circle' as the former Chief Minister has contributed heavily for the development of the area.

Hearse van donated

Mysuru, Apr. 9 (KS)- Star India Foundation Founder S. Shafi Ahmed has donated a hearse van worth Rs. 20 lakh for free transportation of bodies of Muslim community members from the house to Masjid and from Masjid to the burial grounds in city limits.

The hearse van was launched by MLA Tanveer Sait near Manipal Hospital junction on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway recently.

Former MLA Vasu, who was present on the occasion, lauded the services of Shafi Ahmed and appealed the State Government to open NIMHANS and Kidwai Cancer Hospital branches in Mysuru as it would benefit patients from Mysuru and surrounding districts.

Hazarath Moulana Arshad Ahmed, former Mayor Ayub Khan, former Corporator Suhail Baig, JD(S) leader Abdul Azeez Abdulla, Chairman of Mysore (Dist.) Wakf Board Advisory Committee Ghayas Akram, Mukhthar Ahmed of Hira Industries, Al-Khalid Education & Welfare Trust Chairman Mohd. Mumtaz Ahmed, Shabnam Sayeed, JD(S) leader Aftab Ahmed, Abdul Khadar Shaheed, social worker Mirza Jamsheed Baig Ashrafi, Fazil Chand Saheb, Thafuz-e-Khabrasthan Managing Committee office-bearer Qurath, Fayaz Ahmed, Payurn and others were present.

Star India Foundation Founder Shafi Ahmed felicitated MLA Tanveer Sait and other dignitaries on the occasion.

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Cable operator gets two-year sentence for death of teenager

Mysuru, Apr. 9- A city Court has sentenced a cable operator of the city to two years imprisonment for being responsible for the death of a teenaged boy due to electrocution.

M.S. Chandrashekar, the head of Taranga Darshini cable services, is the one who is sentenced.

Chandrashekar had tied a TV Dish cable to a road side electric pole and connected it to a Kannada flagpost adjacent to Rajarajeshwari Temple in Subashnagar in 2006. Hemanth Kumar, a 17-year-old boy of Rajendranagar, who had come along with his grandmother to the temple on the night of Sept. 8, 2006, accidentally touched the flag post, when he was electrocuted.

The Police, who had booked a case, carried out investigation and submitted a charge-sheet in the Court accusing Chandrashekar of illegally tying Dish cable to the roadside electric pole and the adjacent Kannada flagpost in Subhashnagar, that resulted in the death of Hemanth Kumar due to electric shock caused by flow of current.

The Third Additional CJ and JMFC Court Judge M. Vinodkumar, who heard the case, held Chandrashekar guilty of the charges and sentenced him to 2 years imprisonment. The Court also directed Chandrashekar to pay Rs. 2 lakh as compensation to the family of the deceased teenager Hemanth Kumar.

Man dies of electrocution

Mysuru, Apr. 9- A 35-year-old unidentified man, who was admitted to K.R. Hospital after sustaining burn injuries when he accidentally came in contact with a High Tension wire near a platform in the City Railway Station recently, succumbed at the hospital yesterday.

He is 5.3 ft. in height, oval faced and wheatish in complexion. A tattoo bearing the name 'Pushpa' was found on his left forehand. The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Mysuru Railway Police Station Ph: 0821-2516579.

Unidentified bodies found

Mysuru, Apr. 9 (KS)- V.V. Puram Police, on Apr. 5, have found a body of an unidentified man on the footpath of Adipampa Road, behind CESC Office at Matrumandali Circle and have shifted the body to the mortuary besides registering a case.

The deceased is aged between 50 and 55 years, 5.5 ft. tall, oval faced, has wounds on both legs and was wearing a green coloured shorts and white baniyan. The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact V.V. Puram Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418314/514 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release.

In another incident, the body of an unidentified man was found on the Railway track between Akkihebbal and Mandagere Railway Stations of Mysuru-Arasikere section recently.

The man is aged about 35 to 40 years and is 5.3 ft. in height, oval faced, oily red in complexion, lean built and wore a grey coloured half arm-shirt and a cement coloured pant.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, can contact the Mysuru Railway Police Station- 0821-2516579.

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Mysuru, Apr. 9- The much-awaited 106th Ramanavami Annual Heritage Music Festival of Ganavisharadha Sri Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Sita Rama Mandira is scheduled to commence from tomorrow (Apr. 10).

The 11-day festival will be inaugurated tomorrow at 5.30 pm by President of the institution R. Guru. This will be followed by the inaugural concert with a Nadaswara Recital by Mysore V. Krishnamurthy. The Nadaswara Concert is supported by V2Soft, Mysuru.

The following 10 days will witness grand concerts by a galaxy of eminent musicians from across India.

April 11: Grand Violin Duet Recital by Lalgudi GJR Krishnan and Lalgudi Vijayalakshmi. They will be accompanied by Vid. B.C. Manjunath on mridanga and Vid. Vyasa Vittala on kanjira. This concert is supported by RLN Simhan, Singapore.

April 12: Vocal Duet Concert by Chilukunda Sisters — Vidu. Indu Nagaraj and Vidu. Lakshmi Nagaraj. They will be accompanied by Vid. Sumanth Manjunath on violin, Vid. Keshavadath on mridanga and Vid. Shamith Gowda on ghata.

April 13: Hindustani Bansuri Concert by Vid. Praveen Godkhindi and team. This concert is sponsored by Cycle Pure Agarbathies.

April 14: Hindustani Vocal Concert by Vid. Venkatesh Kumar and team. This concert is sponsored by Cycle Pure Agarbathies.

April 15: Karnatak Vocal Concert by Vid. Saketharaman. He will be accompanied by Vid. H.N. Bhaskar on violin, Vid. Kulur Jayachandra Rao on mridanga and Vid. Guruprasanna on kanjira.

April 16: Karnatak Classical Vocal Duet Concert by Vidu. Ranjani and Vidu. Gayatri. They will be accompanied by Vidu. H.M. Smitha on violin, Vid. Sai Giridhar on mridanga and Vid. Omkar Rao on ghata. This concert is sponsored by Thought Focus, Mysuru.

April 17: Violin Duet Recital by Mysore Brothers — Vid. Mysore M. Nagaraj and Dr. M. Manjunath. They will be accompanied by Vid. Anantha R. Krishnan on mridanga and Vid. Vazapalli Krishnakumar on ghata. This concert is sponsored by D. Ramabai Charitable Foundation, Mysuru.

April 18: Karnatak Vocal Concert by Vid. Ramakrishnan Murthy. He will be accompanied by Vid. Mysore Karthik on violin, Vid. Anantha R. Krishnan on mridanga and Vid. Vazapalli Krishnakumar on ghata.

April 19: Karnatak Veena Recital by Vidu. Dr. S.V. Sahana. She will be accompanied by Vid. Mannargudi Easwaran on mridanga. This concert is sponsored by Pattabi Enterprises, Mysuru.

April 20: Karnatak Vocal Recital by Vid. T.M. Krishna. He will be accompanied by Vid. Akkarai Subbalakshmi on violin, Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. Giridhar Udupa on ghata. This concert is sponsored from Mysore Music Association.

All concerts commence at 6.15 pm. Entry to the concerts is free. The programmes are also supported by the Department of Kannada and Culture. Government of Karnataka.

For further information, contact CA Raghunandan Rao on Mob: 91489-67330.

Classical Music concert tomorrow

Vid. Sandeep *Vid. Bhaskar* *Vid. Ravishankar* *Vid. Sharath*

Mysuru, Apr. 9 (SSM) -Vaijayiki Art and Heritage Foundation, Mysuru, has organised a Karnatak classical music concert at Aaditya Bhavana Function Hall, Somanathanagar in city tomorrow (Apr. 10) at 6.30 pm.

GSS Yogic Research Foundation Head Yogatma Srihari will inaugurate the programme. Vaijayiki Art and Heritage Foundation Chief Convener Ganesh Ramarao will be present.

Vid. Sandeep Narayan will render Karnatak Classical Music and he will be accompanied by Vid. H.N. Bhaskar on violin, Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Koushik on ghata, according to a press release from Foundation Co-Convener M.S. Yogesh.

Sri Purandaradasa, Sri Tyagaraja and Sri Kanakadasa Aradhana Mahotsava at BVB Mysuru

Sri Purandaradasa, Sri Tyagaraja and Sri Kanakadasa Aradhana Mahotsava was organised by Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru Kendra and its Cultural Wing Kala Bharathi at its premises in Vijayanagar this morning. Seen are (standing from left) ***BVB Mysuru Committee Member Marigowda, Vice-President Dr. C. Naganna, Convenor Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra, music teacher Suma Harindra, BVB Mysuru Chairman K.B. Ganapathy, his wife Ralie Ganapathy, BVB Mysuru Hon. Secretary P.S. Ganapathy, Swarasankula Sangeetha Sabha Director Pt. Veerabhadrayya Hiremath, BVB Mysuru Treasurer Prof. A.T. Bhashyam, BVB School Principal Vijaya Narasimham and BVB Mysuru Kendra Administrative Officer Sudheendra. Picture right shows students rendering kritis on the occasion.***

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Ghani (Te)	(S-2)	*4.10 pm*
	(S-3)	*10.05 am; 10.00 pm*
The Lost City (E)	(S-2)	*10.00 pm*
The Kashmir Files (H)	(S-3)	12.55 pm; 6.50 pm
Varnapatala (K)	(S-3)	4.20 pm
RRR (2D-K)	(S-4)	10.55 am
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James (K)	(S-3)	*9.55 am; 6.50 pm*
Ghani (Te)	(S-3)	*3.40 pm; 10.00 pm*
RRR (3D-H)	(S-1)	10.40 am; 6.00 pm; 9.40 pm
RRR (Te)	(S-4)	10.10 am; 9.10 pm
The Kashmir Files (H)	(S-4)	5.30 pm
KGF (K)	(S-2)	6.35 pm
RRR (H)	(S-4)	1.50 pm
RRR (3D-Te)	(S-1)	2.20 pm
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The Lost City (E-2D)	: 1.45 pm, 7.05 pm, 9.40 pm
Trikona (K-2D)	: 4.20 pm
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KGF (K-2D)	: 12.55 pm
Ghani (Te-2D)	: 3.25 pm, 9.50 pm
Varnapatala (K-2D)	: 4.10 pm
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Trikona (K)	(S-1)	4.00 pm
Ghani (Te)	(S-1)	6.45 pm
RRR (2D-Te)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
RRR (2D-K)	(S-3)	4.00 pm; 7.45 pm
Varnapatala (K)	(S-4)	11.00 am
James (K)	(S-4)	1.30 pm; 7.30 pm
Ghani (Te)	(S-4)	4.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 9)

- **Bhavasar Vision India - Royal Club Mysore (Area 103):** Installing Ceremony of Ravindra Uttarkar as President and Santhosh Pathange as Secretary and Board of Direcors-2022, Kannada Sahitya Bhavan, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Shankara Jayanti Sabha, Mysuru:** Sri Ramanavami celebrations, devotional songs by Sri Vishwesha Krishna Bhajana Mandali, **5 pm to 5.45 pm;** Saxophone recital by Vid. Harish Pandav, Samudaya Bhavana, Tengina Topu (Coconut Grove), Saraswathipuram, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramaseva Mandali Charitable Trust, Mysore North:** 28th Ramanavami Sangeethotsava-2022, Vocal Concert by Vidu. Medha Manjunath, accompanied by Vid. Mysore Keshava on violin and Nandan Kashyap on mridanga, **5.15 pm;** Jugalbandi - Hindustani Harmonium by Dr. Jyotsna Srikanth and Dr. Ravindra Katoti, accompanied by H.S. Sudheendra on mridanga and Gurumurthy Vaidya on tabla, Sri Prasanna Parvati Kalyana Mantapa, V.V. Mohalla, **6.15 pm.**
- **Trayinyas Shrividya Foundation:** 13th Vasantha Navarathri Mahotsav, Sri Vidya Shodashadurga Homa, #8, 7th Main, 3rd Block, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm.**
- **Mysore Medical College Alumni Association (MAA), Mysuru:** MAA Utsav-2022, Inauguration of Dining Hall by first VC of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS)-Bengaluru Dr. Kantha S. Jadhav, **5.15 pm.** Inauguration of Stage programme by RGUHS VC Dr. M.K. Ramesh, MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah chief guest, MAA Trust Chairman Dr. S. Chandrashekar Shetty, MAA Trust Secretary and Adichunchanagiri University-Bellur VC Dr. M.A. Shekar, MMC&RI Dean & Director Dr. H.N. Dinesh guests of honour, Platinum Jubilee Hall, J.K. Grounds, **5.30 pm.**
- **Bharathi Sthree Samaja Cultural and Educational Charitable Trust:** Sri Ramanavami cultural programmes, Vishnu Sahasranama Parayana by members of Bharathi Sthree Samaja, Trust premises, near Railway Hospital, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram:** 93rd annual Sri Ramotsava, Classical Music Concert (vocal) by Vidu. M.R. Sudha and troupe, Mandira premises, **6 pm.**
- **NIE:** Endowment Awards Presentation, Dept. of Technical Education-GoK Director N. Ravichadran chief guest, NIE Board of Management President Dr. M.S. Ranganath presides, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Seminar Hall, Administrative Block, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ganapati Seva Mandali Trust, Ramakrishnanagar:** Ramotsava programme, Bhajans by Sai Soudamani troupe; Dance-Drama 'Shabari' by Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, Ganapati Temple, I-Block, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangavalli, Mysuru, Kannada & Culture Directorate, Bengaluru and Vijaya Vittala Educational Institutions, Mysuru:** Staging of Shakespeare's play 'A Midsummer Night's Dream,' Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, Hunsur Road, **7 pm.** [Mob: 99646-56482 or 95902-59095]

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 10)

- **Trayinyas Shrividya Foundation:** 13th Vasantha Navarathri Mahotsav, Sagrahamakha Nava Chandi Yaga, **10 am;** Purnahuti, Baliharana, Kumari, Suvasini, Vatuka Puja, Mahamangalarati, Ashtavadhana Seva, Prasada Viniyoga, Foundation premises, #8, 7th Main, 3rd Block, Jayalakshmipuram, **1 pm.** [Mob: 94482-72703]
- **Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram:** 93rd annual Sri Ramotsava, Special Puja, Sri Ramanavami, Sri Rama Pattabhisheka Mahotsava - Sri Rama Sahasranama by Chaitanya Bhajana Mandali, **10 am;** Veena recital by Vainika Ratna Vid. R.K. Padmanabha and troupe, Mandira premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm.**
- **Nirmala Multispeciality Hospital:** Inauguration by Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Dr. Sri Siddalinga Shivacharya Mahaswamiji and Sri Gurushanta Swamiji will grace the occasion, MP Pratap Simha and MLA G.T. Devegowda guests of honour, #1004/963, next to Doctors Layout, Alanahalli, **10.30 am.**
- **Sri Rama Seva Mandali - Sri Shankaranarayanaswamy Temple, Chamundipuram:** Sri Ramotsava, Sri Rama Kalasha Sthapane-Puja, **8 am;** Bhajans by Sita Rama Bhajana Mandali, Jayanagar, **10.30 am;** Talk on 'Purajana Geete (based on Tulasi Ramayana)' by Swami Dattapadananda of Chinmaya Mission, **6.30 pm;** Veena recital by G. Srilakshmi and troupe, Temple premises, **7.45 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Janaki Rama Mandira, Gollageri, Chamaraja Mohalla:** Sri Ramanavami, Sri Ramanavami Puja, Panaka-Majjige distribution, **11 am;** Sri Vishnu Sahasranama Parayana by Sri Janaki Rama Bhajana Mandali, Mahamangalarati, Theertha Prasada Viniyoga, Mandira premises, #83, Gollageri, Chamaraja Mohalla, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ganapati Seva Mandali Trust, Ramakrishnanagar:** Ramotsava programme, Sri Rama Pattabhisheka Puja Mahotsava, **11 am;** Devaranama by disciples of Vidu. Rekha Ravishankar; Karnatak Classical Music by Vid. Dr. R.S. Nandakumar, Ganapati Temple, I-Block, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramadhama - Udayagiri Mahajana Sabha:** Sri Ramanavami Utsava, Punyaha, Naandi, Kalasha Pratishtapane Mahasankalpa, Sri Ramataraka Homa, Purnahuti, Mahamangalarati, Theertha Prasad Viniyoga, **11.30 am;** Vocal Concert by Sumukha Moudgalya, accompanied by Vidu. Shruthi on violin and Vid. Nandan Kashyap on mridanga, Sri Ramadhama, #371, 3rd Cross, Udayagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP):** Monthly awareness-cum-interaction programme on 'Cyber crimes,' CEN Police Station SI M.L. Siddesh, Mysuru, interacts with public, lawns of MGP Office, Vivekananda Road, Yadavagiri, **4 pm.**
- **Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru:** Sri Ramanavami Nritya Mahotsava, Vidya Vikas Group of Institutions Chairman and former MLA Vasu, KIKS Director Dr. M.G. Manjunath, former Tumkur University VC Prof. Y.S. Siddegowda and actress Bhavana Ramanna chief guests, Bhajana Seva by Satyadhyana Bhajana Mandali, Shri Raghavendra Swamy Mutt, Jayalakshmipuram, Bharatanatyam by internationally acclaimed artistes, 'Rama Katha' by Karnataka Kalashree Guru Sathyanarayana Raju, Bengaluru and 'Abha' - A retelling of Ramayana by amazing trio of Punyah Dance Company — Parshwanath S. Upadhye, Shruti Gopal and P.V. Adithya, Kalemane Sabhaangana, Vijayanagar, **4.30 pm.** [Mob: 98866-54887]
- **Sri Ramabhyudhaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust:** 132nd Sri Ramotsava, discourse on 'Ramayana' by K. Ramachandra, retired Engineer, Moole Rama Mandira, Srirampet, **5 pm to 6 pm;** Classical Music by Vidu. Sudha Raghunathan and troupe, Alamma Choultry, Srirampet, **6.30 pm to 9.30 pm.** [Mob: 97407-82020]
- **Sri Shankara Jayanti Sabha, Mysuru:** Sri Ramanavami, Devotional Songs by Sri Shankara Bhajana Mandali, **5 pm;** Karnatak Classical vocal recital by Vidu. Rajalakshmi Sridhar, Samudaya Bhavana, Coconut Grove, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramaseva Mandali Charitable Trust, Mysore North:** Ramanavami Sangeethotsava, Hindustani Vocal Concert by Vidu. Sandhya Bhat, Vighnesh Bhagawath-harmonium and Arjun Kali Prasad-tabla, **5.15 pm;** Vocal Concert by Vidu. Aishwarya Vidya Raghunath, Dr. Jothsna Srikanth - violin, B.S. Prashanth - mridanga and R. Srinidhi - ghata, Sri Prasanna Parvati Kalyana Mantapa, V.V. Mohalla, **6.15 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Sarvajayanandaji speaks on 'Ramakrishna Charite,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Bharathi Sthree Samaja Cultural and Educational Charitable Trust:** Sri Ramanavami programmes, Devotional songs by 'Sathyadhyana Bhajana Mandali', **6 pm;** 'Vybhava Shayanotsava', Trust premises, near Railway Hospital, **7 pm.**
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Lecture programme

Mysuru, Apr. 9- As part of Sharana Sangama-268, Basava Samiti (Hebbal-Vijayanagar) has organised a talk on 'Jagadguru Sri Renukacharya' by Prof. H.S. Ambika, Asst. Professor, JSS Science and Technology University, at Basava Bhavana, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, at 10.30 am tomorrow. Samiti President H.V. Basavaraju will preside.

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